

VIRUS KILLS BULL MARKET

S&P ENTERS BEAR MARKET TERRITORY; DOW RECORDS BIGGEST LOSS SINCE OCTOBER '87

GOVERNOR ADVISES SCHOOLS TO STAY OPEN, BUT EVALUATION IS ONGOING PROCESS

By Stan Choe and Alex Veiga
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The escalating coronavirus emergency sent the stock market Thursday into its worst slide since the Black Monday crash of 1987, extending a sell-off that has now wiped out most of Wall Street’s big gains since President Donald Trump took office.

The S&P 500 plummeted 9.5%, for a total drop of 26.7% from its all-time high, set just last month. That puts it way over the 20% threshold for a bear market, officially ending Wall Street’s unprecedented bull-market run of nearly 11 years. The Dow Jones Industrial Average sank 2,352 points, or 10%, its heaviest loss since its nearly 23% drop on Oct. 19, 1987.

European markets fell 12% in one of their worst days ever,

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Dow Jones industrials	-2352.60
	21,200.62
Nasdaq composite	-750.25
	7,201.80
Standard & Poor's 500	-260.74
	2,480.64

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Oral Roberts University’s Mabee Center was supposed to host the Oklahoma Secondary School Athletic Association Class 6A and 5A boys and girls basketball state tournament this weekend. But less than two hours before games were scheduled to start Thursday, the tournament was postponed due to concerns over the COVID-19 virus. Story on B1. MATT BARNARD/Tulsa World

Americans adjusting to new reality with virus

By Michelle R. Smith and Gillian Flaccus
Associated Press

Workers lost their jobs, parents came up with impromptu home lesson plans for children kept home from shuttered schools. Families fretted over dwindling retirements accounts, the health of elderly parents and every cough and sneeze in their midst.

Millions of people settled into new and disrupted routines Thursday as the coronavirus began to uproot almost every facet of American life.

More than 1,300 people have tested positive for coronavirus in the United States, and 40 people have died as of Thursday evening. About 128,000 people have been infected globally.

The spate of event

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Lt. Gov. Matt Pinnell (left) and Gov. Kevin Stitt listen to a question during a news conference at the state Capitol regarding COVID-19 on Thursday. MIKE SIMONS/Tulsa World

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State officials announce new coronavirus case

By Barbara Hoberock
Tulsa World

OKLAHOMA CITY — Oklahoma health officials announced a new case of COVID-19 on Thursday, the same day it was announced that the state's first patient with the novel coronavirus has recovered.

In the meantime, Gov. Kevin Stitt said the state is advising that schools remain open.

“We are working with our schools all across our state to evaluate the devel-

oping situation on a day-by-day basis,” Stitt said at a Capitol news conference attended by state Superintendent Joy Hofmeister. “We want to stress that at this time that it is important we remain calm and be judicious in decisions to close schools and businesses. It is the state’s recommendation that schools remain open.”

Stitt said officials don’t want to close down schools too early or too late. The situation is being monitored closely, he

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Colds, allergies causing confusion

By Corey Jones
Tulsa World

Fever. Headache. Cough. Body aches. Shortness of breath.

Is it influenza or coronavirus? Don’t forget about the common cold and seasonal allergies.

Tulsa has another month or more of flu season, and allergies are becoming more prevalent as spring approaches. Oklahoma has three confirmed cases of COVID-19, two

related to travel in Italy and one to travel to Washington state.

However, some areas of the U.S. are seeing widespread infection from unknown sources. Still, the most likely way to contract coronavirus is traveling to areas with widespread community transmission or close contact with a known case, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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